

prevalence of this grass and Lespedeza. This is also an excellent plant to prevent washing; the long runners stretch out in every direction, root at every node, and soon branch and make cover. If it can be grown even as far north as North Carolina, it will solve the lawn difficulties of the Eastern States where none of our grasses are satisfactory the year round." (Norton.)

*Eriobotrya japonica* (Malaceae), 48302. Loquat. From Altadena, Calif. Budwood collected by Wilson Popenoe, agricultural explorer. "Tanaka. This excellent loquat was introduced into the United States by Dr. Fairchild, but the material obtained by him has apparently been lost, and the buds sent herewith have been taken from a tree growing at the West India Gardens, which was grown from budwood sent from Algeria by Dr. L. Trabut in 1911.

"Tanaka is a large loquat, noted for its fine flavor and excellent keeping qualities. It is oval or nearly round in form, deep orange in color, with meaty, orange-colored flesh. The season of ripening is late, and it is probably because of this that the variety has not been planted commercially in California. In recent years, however, it has become apparent that some of the late-fruiting varieties, such as Thales (considered by some to be identical with Tanaka and certainly very closely allied to this variety) may be cultivated profitably, if in a region well suited to their growth." (Popenoe.)

*Myrica rubra* (Myricaceae), 48504. From Yokohama, Japan. Seeds purchased from the Yokohama Nursery Co. "Yama-momo. A very pretty evergreen tree, closely related to the sweet gale (*Myrica gale*) well known in America. It is a small tree attaining a height of 20 feet, with oblong or lanceolate, dark green, smooth and glistening leaves, 3 to 4 inches long. This tree, or large bush, grows in the mountains of southern Japan. Its name, yama-momo, indicates its habitation, as it means literally mountain peach. How far north it grows wild I am not prepared to say. One Japanese authority asserts that it grows all over Japan, a statement I am unable to verify.

"A specimen in the botanical garden at Tokyo is about 12 feet high, with a short trunk and a dense, round, spreading head. It is very ornamental. The fruit when fully ripe is pleasantly acid and juicy;